

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	April 11, 2005
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Bill Reisinger, Miljon Buquing, Nawal Stanojevic, Rene Briones, Fred Zeise
Staff: Vice Mayor Armando Gomez, Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva, Jaime Rodriguez

Absent: Kayci Nguyen

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Gomez distributed Certificates of Appreciation to the present Commission members and thanked each member for their participation on BTAC. The Commissioners' Recognition Dinner will be held on April 20, 2005.

Commissioner Stanojevic commented she has been watching the progress on the pedestrian bridge behind Mervyn's for the Berryessa Creek Trail project.

Chair Reisinger shared the "Spinning Crank" newsletter with the commission. Commissioners can receive the newsletter or it is available at many bicycle shops. Local information is on the newsletter and Chair Reisinger suggests taking a look at it. Ms. Nadal said it is also available online at www.sbvvc.org.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION to approve the April 11, 2005 agenda

M/S: Stanojevic/Buquing
All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of February 14, 2005.

M/S: Buquing/ Stanojevic
All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no citizens present

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Amendment to the Bicycle Master Plan

Staff Joe Oliva stated he was informed by the Traffic Engineering section, that with the Main Street Midtown Plan, the design will remove the bicycle lanes from this street and move to Abel Street. To accommodate design changes, the

Bicycle Master Plan map will have to be changed. To change the map involved amending the City's General Plan to bring to conformance what the City will be building as to what the plan is going to show. It is more of a procedural item, though wanted to make sure BTAC members are aware of the changes.

Commissioner Briones questioned the reason why bicycle lanes are being moved from Main Street to Midtown. Mr. Oliva said the reason why is because Main Street is being changed to a pedestrian-friendly corridor with traffic calming measures that include narrower traffic lanes, wide sidewalks to promote more pedestrian activity in the downtown. It is not prohibiting bicycles, but when Abel Street is rebuilt and reconstructed, the commuter bicycle lanes will be able to travel continuously without the breaks in Main Streets pedestrian corridor. The City Council approved this with the Midtown Specific Plan.

Chair Reisinger stated if there is street furniture and traffic calming on Main Street, will make it more friendly for the mixture of bicycle and cars to travel.

Commissioner Stanojevic stated Abel Street will be available for the dedicated cyclists.

Mr. Oliva stated the changes are a map change and will be going to the City Council in June as part of other General Plan Amendments Cycle.

Chair Reisinger is concerned about the new housing development on Abel Street (KB Homes project) that there is more traffic on the street. Abel Street is a major commute link from Fremont to San Jose and he shares a concern for more congestion.

Mr. Oliva stated the design for Abel Street will not be widen, but narrower traffic lanes to 11 feet to accommodate bicycle lanes.

Commissioner Briones asked what the speed limit currently is and what the new speed limits will be with the design changes.

Jaime Rodriguez brought the Evans Road and Abel Street plans for review.

Bicycle Expenditure Program Update (UPRR Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing)

Staff Joe Oliva updated shared a letter from the City to the VTA requesting the remove the UPRR Overcrossing from the Bicycle Expenditure Plan. City staff can petition VTA staff and Board to reprogram the money from the UPRR Overcrossing to other Milpitas projects on the Bicycle Expenditure Plan list such as the Berryessa or Coyote Creek Trail Projects.

Chair Reisinger stated the project was getting very expensive. In Chair Reisinger's opinion, he likes funding to go towards the trails as there would be more use on the trails as opposed to the overcrossing project.

Commissioner Briones agreed with the Chair as the crossing would benefit the employees that would use to access the Great Mall.

Chair Reisinger stated as the BART plans begin to firm up, at some point they would have to consider pedestrian access to cross the BART tracks that they should incorporate.

Mr. Oliva also stated that there may be new development at the Waukesha property near Piper Drive and Montague Expressway.

Chair Reisinger and Commissioner Briones agreed that they would rather have the VTA funding to Milpitas' trail projects.

Commissioner Briones asked we had a discussion at one point to ask new developers to fund some of the projects. Does the City ask as a condition to contribute to some projects- do we still ask or is it feasible?

Mr. Oliva recalled the Crossings at Montague apartments may have contributed to a few trail projects.

Mr. Oliva stated staff will continue to collect the necessary fees from development and where we have the nexus to pay the fair-share not only for traffic, but for trails and open space.

Staff Janice Nadal also stated as in terms of BART, there will be a public meeting on April 25 at Zanker Elementary School to discuss Montague Station design. The VTA is proposing an aerial structure at Montague Station as opposed to the Retained Cut design that was approved in the environmental review process. Ms. Nadal will email details on the meeting as soon as it is available.

Mr. Oliva also stated our City Council is interested in hearing community input on these types of projects to assist with their decision making, so the community input the better.

Report on Safety

There were no agenda items for this topic. The Commission took this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.

Commissioner Briones would like to address that he is seeing more young people riding their bikes without helmets. Commissioner Briones feels there should be more enforcement. Staff Jaime Rodriguez can pass this information to the Police Traffic division as he meets monthly with that group.

REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS

Bike Map on the City's Website Update

Ms. Nadal reported Information Staff is still working on the project.

Chair Reisinger said to review and update the information on the City's

website including the meeting room.

Future Bicycle Education Outreach Projects

Chair Reisinger stated the helmet project can be a project. Commissioner Briones said possibly signage that states "Under 18 should wear a helmet". Mr. Oliva stated this may be a language barrier. Mr. Rodriguez that the Office of Traffic Safety may have a grant for a helmet giveaway. Staff can look into this.

Commissioner Briones asked if there is going to be International Walk to School Day. Ms. Nadal stated it is in October and walking and biking is promoted for this event.

Chair Reisinger asked Commissioner Stanojevic to ask the school district if they are interested in a helmet giveaway. Chair Reisinger also asked Mr. Rodriguez to research the grant programs.

Commissioner Briones suggests he will summarize the brainstorming information from this meeting and provide prior to the June meeting. Commissioner Briones will enlist the assistance from the Police Officer writing about safety in the Milpitas POST. Mr. Rodriguez stated Officer Steve Pangelinan is the Traffic Officer that Commissioner Briones can contact.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Bike to Work Day, May 19, 2005

Ms. Nadal distributed the Bike to Work Day plan for this year's event. Chair Reisinger requested a Proclamation. Ms. Nadal stated one has been submitted for the May 3, 2005 Council Meeting and requested members from the Commission to receive this from the Mayor.

Chair Reisinger requested assistance for Bike to Work to Day. The Chair will be on vacation. Vice Mayor Armando Gomez volunteered at the City Hall station. Vice Chair Zeise volunteered at the Shell Station Commissioner Stanojevic may be able to volunteer. Helmet giveaways will be at each station.

Participation in the Milpitas Fourth of July Parade

Chair Reisinger asked Commissioner Briones if the Boy Scout Troop can participate in the parade. Commissioner Briones has agreed that this is the tentative plan from the Boy Scouts. Commissioner Zeise asked if other troops would be interested in participating?

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Buquing
All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Chair Reisinger

No Assignments

Commissioner Briones

Request Boy scouts attendance at the Fourth of July parade (from December 13, 2004 BTAC Meeting

Janice Nadal

- Update the City's BTAC website to reflect the new changes of Commission Members and meeting minutes
- Contact Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to update the newsletter to reflect the correct day for Milpitas' BTAC meetings
- Submit a Proclamation for Bike Awareness and Bike to Work Day in May.